

CLAIMS:

1. A method for building a composite print job, comprising the steps of:

receiving first and second files in respective printer independent file formats;

printing said first and second files to a logical printing device in a printer dependent file format appropriate for a physical printing device; and

combining said first and second files as a composite print job, to prepare said first and second files for printing to said physical printing device.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said logical printing device has the same attributes as said physical printing device.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising printing said composite print job to said physical printing device.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising printing said composite print job to said physical printing device.

5. An apparatus for building a composite print job for printing to a physical printing device defined by one or more attributes, the composite print job including at least a first file and a second file, said first and second files being in respective printer independent file formats, the composite print job building apparatus comprising:

a logical printing device defined by said one or more attributes;

a user interface adapted to print, in response to one or more file commands from a user, said first and second files to said logical printing device in a printer dependent file format adapted to said one or more attributes; and

a combining module for thereafter combining said first and second files as a composite print job, to prepare said first and second files for printing to said physical printing device.

6. A machine readable medium encoding a program of instructions adapted for execution by the machine, the program of instructions adapted to execute a method for building a composite print job, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving first and second files in respective printer independent file formats;

printing said first and second files to a logical printing device in a printer dependent file format appropriate for a physical printing device; and

combining said first and second files as a composite print job, to prepare said first and second files for printing to said physical printing device.

7. The medium of claim 6, wherein said logical printing device has the same attributes as said physical printing device.

8. The medium of claim 7, wherein the method further comprises printing said composite print job to said physical printing device.

9. The medium of claim 6, wherein the method further comprises printing said composite print job to said physical printing device.